

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:** International Counsel, Arbitrator and Mediator

5. **Education:**

Yale University – Bachelor’s degree, Russian Studies

Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC and Bologna, Italy – Master’s degree with Academic Distinction, International Relations (International Economics, European/Russian Studies)

University of Maine School of Law – J.D. (Law degree). International Moot Court Team

Full CV is available at www.paulemason.info

6. **Practiced experience in arbitration**

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?

First served as Co-Arbitrator on panel with Willem Vis as Chair in 1986 in arbitration over product distribution between Spanish and U.S. companies.

Have participated in some 30 arbitrations, most international, as well as some 250 arbitrations on documents (desk arbitrations).

Rules and procedures include LCIA/UNCITRAL Rules, ICC Rules, AAA Commercial and ICDR Rules, UDRP/WIPO Rules, and CCBC Rules (Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce, São Paulo – arbitration was conducted entirely in Portuguese).

- How often have you acted as Chairman? In one major arbitration between Chinese and U.S. companies in financial services sector (USD \$39 million claim & counterclaim)
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? Six times
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? 20

- How often have you acted as Counsel?

I have served as counsel, including lead counsel, in three arbitrations, the most important of which was an LCIA arbitration over offshore oil drilling between Brazilian and Scandinavian companies. Another involved executive compensation between a Brazilian executive and his multinational employer in the energy sector.

- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?

I have not had the experience of serving as administrative secretary.

I have served as mediator and counsel in several commercial med – arb cases where arbitration would have followed if the mediation had not succeeded.

7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

Books, articles, conferences etc. are described in detail on full CV at www.paulemason.info

8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations

Member, ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, the ICC's rule-making body and think tank for new ideas and publications to improve arbitration practice worldwide.

Member, ICC - Brasil, the ICC's Brazilian National organization.

Co-Founder, Miami International Arbitration Society (MIAS), host organization for the 2014 ICCA Congress in Miami. Member, 2014 ICCA Congress Steering Committee.

Co-Founder and former Vice-President of the International Litigation & Arbitration Committee (since 2002, with over 100 members) of the International Law Section, Florida Bar

Arbitrator, Mediator and Advocate for cases at the

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) and the American Arbitration Association (AAA)

London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR/New York)

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO/Geneva)

Beijing Arbitration Commission (BAC)

Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) Panel of Arbitrators and Specialized Panel of Arbitrators for Intellectual Property Disputes

and the following Brazilian institutions: Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce (CAM-CCBC/São Paulo), Mediation and Arbitration Chamber of the European Chambers of Commerce (CAE/São Paulo), Brazilian Intellectual Property Association (ABPI), Brazilian Center for Mediation and Arbitration (CBMA/Rio de Janeiro), ARBITAC/Curitiba, CAMFIEP (Chamber of Arbitration & Mediation/Paraná state Federation of Industries), CAMARB (Belo Horizonte/São Paulo/Rio de Janeiro) and CAMEDIARB (Santa Catarina state).

9. Languages

Mother tongue: English

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language): Portuguese, Spanish. Can also work with Russian and French documents in arbitration

10. In which legal system have you trained? I was formally trained in the Common Law system and also studied International Law with Professor Stephen Schwebel (former ICJ Chief Judge) and Continental European Law with Prof. Federico Mancini (former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights). My law school training included Comparative Law. I spent 15 years as Legal Director/Latin America, Caribbean, Canada and Russia for multinational information technology companies Digital Equipment, Oracle, and 3Com, working with a variety of legal systems in these countries. This included travel and work in Western Europe on selected projects in France, the Netherlands, Spain and the U.K. I have lived and worked in Brazil for many years beginning in 1971. For all these reasons I am also quite familiar with the Civil Law system.

11. What is your main jurisdiction of law practice? U.S.

12. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of three):

- technology (including information, aviation and medical technology) & telecommunications
- energy, including oil & gas
- financial sector

Geographic: Latin America/Caribbean, Russia/CIS countries, U.S. & Canada

13. Birthdate: 25 September 1945

14. Photo



I have completed this questionnaire to the above to the best of my knowledge and believe they are accurate. I understand that the above information will be used for VIAC's internal use and may be given to interested persons and may be put on VIAC's website.

Date and signature: 11 August 2016